



**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND CABLE**

D.T.C. 22-4

May 20, 2022

CRC Communications LLC d/b/a OTELCO v. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England Inc.

HEARING OFFICER NOTICE

On April 14, 2022, CRC Communications LLC d/b/a OTELCO filed a complaint with the Department of Telecommunications and Cable (“Department”) alleging, among other things, that Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England Inc. d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts (“Verizon”) imposed discriminatory, unjust, and unreasonable terms and conditions governing the construction specifications and related make-ready work for attaching to National Grid’s and Verizon’s utility poles.

Pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement regarding the jurisdiction of pole attachment disputes, which was first executed on October 14, 2008, and most recently renewed on February 7, 2022, all pole attachment complaints must be jointly reviewed by the Department and the Department of Public Utilities (“DPU”) to determine the appropriate agency to adjudicate the complaint. After consultation, the Department and the DPU agree that the Department is the appropriate authority to adjudicate this complaint. While the Department will adjudicate the complaint, the DPU retains full rights of intervention.

The Department has docketed this proceeding as D.T.C. 22-4. This proceeding is a formal adjudicatory proceeding conducted under G.L. c. 30A, 207 C.M.R. 1.00, and 220 C.M.R.

45.00. Any person who desires to participate as a party to this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene by e-mail to dtc.efiling@mass.gov or in hardcopy to:

Shonda Green, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Cable
1000 Washington Street, Suite 600
Boston, MA 02118-6500

Petitions for leave to intervene must be received by the Department by 5:00 P.M. on June 10, 2022. Such petitions must satisfy the substantive requirements of 207 C.M.R. § 1.03(1). The text of the e-mail or written petition must specify: (1) the docket number D.T.C. 22-4; (2) the name of the person submitting the filing; (3) that person's title, if any; and (4) a brief descriptive title of the document. The petition should also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing.

All filers are directed to serve copies of all filings in this docket on the DPU and on all other parties whose names and contact information are on the Service List, a current copy of which is attached hereto, contemporaneously with their submission to the Department. *See* 207 C.M.R. § 1.05.

/s/ William Bendetson

William Bendetson
Hearing Officer